

February 25, 2013

Good Afternoon Representatives and Senators of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Bethy Guiles-Smith, I was born and raised in the State of Connecticut (46 years). I'm in support of Representative Antonio Guerrero, 29th Dist. HB 6051 – "An Act Establishing Tolls at Connecticut's Borders and Reducing the Gasoline Tax" for the following reasons:

- Connecticut Residents that visit New Jersey (Atlantic City) pay tolls between \$3.75-\$13.00
- Connecticut Residents that visit New York City pay tolls between \$3.25-\$22.75
- Connecticut Residents that visit Massachusetts pay tolls between \$3.00-\$9.00
- On February 14, 2013, Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission said the two commercial resort licenses will be awarded in February and March next year (2014).
 - Those two casinos will negatively impact the revenue and taxes generated by our two Connecticut casino's (Foxwoods and Mohegan's).

Re-Establishing the pay tolls at Connecticut's Borders will benefit our State as follows:

- Will generate revenue to help pay for the repairs/infrastructure of our cities, towns, bridges and highways.
- Will create jobs for our military troops when they return home. Indeed, our military troops are trained to work harmoniously with our State Troopers.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING TOLLS AT CONNECTICUT'S BORDERS AND REDUCING THE GASOLINE TAX.

To establish tolls at Connecticut's borders to create a source of revenue for the Special Transportation Fund and to reduce the gasoline tax.

Introduced by: Rep. Antonio Guerrero, 29th Dist.

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Bill History (in reverse chronological order)

Date	Action Taken
2/21/2013	Public Hearing 02/25
2/4/2013 (TRA)	Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
1/24/2013	Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation

Co-sponsors of HB-6051

Sen. Andrea L. Stillman, 20th Dist.

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As the state is along the route to New York and New England from such cities as Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington DC there is a great deal of traffic flowing through New Jersey on any given day. Any trip that involves travel through the state of New Jersey is likely to involve tolls, and so we have listed all of the toll facilities in New Jersey and the corresponding price of tolls for two axle vehicles (cars, pickup trucks and motorcycles) paying cash. For those driving other types of vehicles we have provided a link to the respective tolling facility Website where additional toll information can be found.

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Atlantic City Expressway Toll: \$3.75
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Operator: The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

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Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting Philadelphia, PA to Camden, NJ
Operator: Delaware River Port Authority of PA&NJ

Betsy Ross Bridge Toll: \$5.00 (inbound Pennsylvania ONLY)
Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting Philadelphia, PA to Pennsauken, NJ
Operator: Delaware River Port Authority of PA&NJ

Burlington-Bristol Bridge Toll: \$2.00 (inbound Pennsylvania ONLY)
Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting Burlington, NJ and Bristol, PA
Operator: Burlington County Bridge Commission

Commodore Barry Bridge Toll: \$5.00 (inbound Pennsylvania ONLY)
Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting Chester, PA with Logan Township, NJ
Operator: Delaware River Port Authority of PA&NJ

Delaware Memorial Twin Bridges Toll: \$4.00 (inbound Delaware ONLY)
Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting New Castle, DE with Pennsville, NJ
Operator: Delaware River & Bay Authority

Delaware Water Gap (I-80) Toll Bridge Toll: \$1.00
Location: Spans the Delaware River from Hardwick Township, NJ to Delaware Water Gap, PA
Operator: Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

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 Operator: New Jersey Turnpike Authority

George Washington Bridge Toll: \$13.00 (Eastbound lanes ONLY)

Location: Spans the Hudson River connecting New Jersey to northern Manhattan, NY
 Operator: The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Gothals Bridge Toll: \$13.00 (Eastbound lanes ONLY) Location: Spans the Arthur Kill linking Elizabeth, New Jersey with the Howland Hook area of Staten Island, New York
 Operator: The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Holland Tunnel Toll: \$13.00 (Eastbound ONLY)

Location: Passes under the Hudson River connecting New Jersey to NYC
 Operator: The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

I-76 Toll Bridge Toll: \$1.00

Location: Spans the Delaware River from Northampton County, PA to Warren County, NJ Operator: Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Lincoln Tunnel Toll: \$13.00 (Eastbound ONLY)

Location: Passes beneath the Hudson River connecting New Jersey to NYC
 Operator: The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Milford-Montague Toll Bridge Toll: \$1.00

Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting Montague, NJ to Milford, PA
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Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting New Hope, PA to Lambertville, NJ
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New Jersey Turnpike Toll: Variable (see toll rate calculator)

Location: Runs south-north the length of New Jersey
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Outerbridge Crossing Toll: \$13.00 (Eastbound lanes ONLY)

Location: Connects Perth Amboy, New Jersey with the Tottenville section of Staten Island, New York and the New Jersey shore
 Operator: The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Portland Columbia Toll Bridge Toll: \$1.00

Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting Portland, PA with Columbia, NJ
 Operator: Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Toll: \$2.00 (inbound Pennsylvania ONLY)

Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting Tacony, PA (Philadelphia) with Palmyra, NJ
 Operator: Burlington County Bridge Commission

Trenton-Morrisville (Route 1) Toll Bridge Toll: \$1.00

Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting Trenton, NJ to Morrisville, PA
 Operator: Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Wall Whitman Bridge Toll: \$5.00 (inbound Pennsylvania ONLY)

Location: Spans the Delaware River connecting Philadelphia, PA to Gloucester City, NJ
 Operator: Delaware River Port Authority of PA&NJ

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Tolls in New York

The state of New York, and in particular New York City, has a large amount of toll facilities and so before planning any trip to New York its a good idea to find out the price of tolls for the many toll roads, bridges and tunnels throughout the state. Below we provide a comprehensive list of toll facilities in New York along with the toll authorities that oversee those facilities. Please note that all prices assume you are driving a typical car, SUV or pickup truck (2 axle vehicles) and paying cash. Pricing for other vehicles can be found on the respective toll authority Websites, links to which are provided below.

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Bayonne Bridge Toll: \$13.00 (inbound Staten Island ONLY)

Location: Spans the Kill Van Kull to link Bayonne, New Jersey, with the Port Richmond area of Staten Island, New York
Operator: [The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey](#)

Bear Mountain Bridge Toll: \$1.50

Location: Spans the Hudson river at Bear Mountain State Park, NY
Operator: [New York State Bridge Authority](#)

Bronx-Whitestone Bridge Toll: \$6.50

Location: Spans the East River (Hudson River) connecting Queens, NY to Bronx, NY
Operator: [MTA Bridges and Tunnels](#)

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Location: Connects Manhattan, NY to Brooklyn, NY
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Cross Bay Bridge Toll: \$3.25

Location: Connects the Rockaway peninsula to the rest of Queens, NY
Operator: [MTA Bridges and Tunnels](#)

Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Bridge (Mid-Hudson Bridge) Toll: \$1.00

Location: Spans the Hudson River connecting Ulster and Dutchess Counties in NY
Operator: [New York State Bridge Authority](#)

George Washington Bridge Toll: \$13.00 (Eastbound lanes ONLY)

Location: Spans the Hudson River connecting New Jersey to northern Manhattan, NY
Operator: [The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey](#)

Gothals Bridge Toll: \$13.00 (Eastbound lanes ONLY)

Location: Spans the Arthur Kill linking Elizabeth, New Jersey with the Howland Hook area of Staten Island, New York
Operator: [The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey](#)

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey Thruway Toll: Variable - Yonkers, NY to PA Border is \$22.75

Location: The longest toll highway system in the US it cuts through the middle of New York state beginning in NYC and heading north then east until ending at the Pennsylvania border
Operator: [New York State Thruway Authority](#)

Henry Hudson Bridge Toll: \$4.00

Location: Spans the Hudson River connecting northern Manhattan to the Bronx, NY
Operator: [MTA Bridges and Tunnels](#)

Holland Tunnel Toll: \$13.00 (Eastbound ONLY)

Location: Passes under the Hudson River connecting New Jersey to NYC
Operator: [The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey](#)

Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge Toll: \$1.00

Location: Spans the Hudson River at Kingston, NY
Operator: [New York State Bridge Authority](#)

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Massachusetts Turnpike Toll / Mileage Calculator

Entry Interchange: 01 - West Stockbridge
 Exit Interchange: 01 - West Stockbridge
 Vehicle Class/Type: Class 1 - 2 Axle Passenger Vehicle w/2-4 single Tires
 Number of Axles: Auto

The toll calculator is based on your Mass Turnpike entry and exit points and calculates the toll cost of your entire trip on the Turnpike. You may pay a toll once or pay portions of the total over the length of your trip, depending on the section of Turnpike you are traveling on. The total cost for the entire trip will be displayed.

Please Note: There is no toll for Class 1 vehicles traveling between Interchanges 1 and 6.

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[Printable Toll Schedules](#) for each Vehicle Class

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Exit 20 U-Turn Lane Toll Information

The use of the U-Turn lane (at Exit 20, Allston/Brighton) is currently open to two-axle passenger vehicles, taxis and buses equipped with an E-ZPASS transponder. Two-axle passenger vehicles with E-ZPass MA will be charged \$2 to use the ramp. Out of state E-ZPass customers will pay \$2.50. Taxis and two-axle trucks are charged \$2.50, and three-axle buses \$4.00.

Tobin Bridge Toll Information

E-ZPass is available on the Tobin Memorial Bridge. For added ease and safety all seven lanes on the Tobin read transponders, allowing E-ZPass MA subscribers to utilize any tollbooth marked "all vehicles".

Motor Vehicle Description	Toll
Class 1 - Passenger - 2 Axles**	\$3.00
Class 1 - Passenger with Trailer (3 Axles)**	\$3.50
Class 1 - Passenger with 2 Axle Trailer (4 Axles)**	\$4.00
Class 2 - Commercial - 2 Axles	\$4.50
Class 3 - Commercial - 3 Axles	\$4.50
Class 4 - Commercial - 4 Axles	\$6.00
Class 5 - Commercial - 5 Axles	\$7.50
Class 6 - Commercial - 6 Axles	\$9.00
Each additional Axle:	\$1.00

Effective - Revenue Date April 4, 2004. **Class 1 Tolls payable by electronic toll collection shall be discounted by \$.50. Motor Vehicle Description determined by type of registration (Massachusetts vehicles) or by image and/or type of vehicle (non-Massachusetts vehicles).

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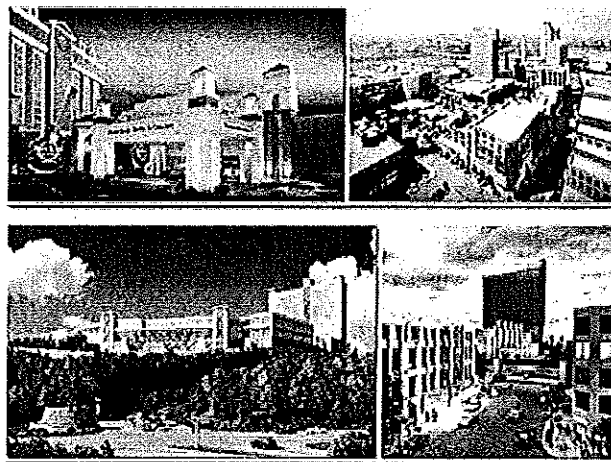
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BOSTON — The state's gaming regulators on Thursday said they will issue two casino resort licenses at virtually the same time early next year, assuring a casino will be awarded for Western Massachusetts simultaneously with one for the Boston area.

Stephen P. Crosby, the chairman of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, said the two commercial resort licenses will be awarded in February and March of next year. Previously, the commission had voted to issue one resort casino license in February of next year, but had not decided on the timing for issuing the second resort license for the state.

The commission made the



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Clockwise from upper left, artist renderings of Western Massachusetts casino proposals from Hard Rock International Resorts in West Springfield; MGM Resorts International in Springfield; Penn National Gaming in Springfield; and Mohegan Sun in Palmer.

A look at casino proposals for Western Massachusetts gallery (9 photos)



announcement about the concurrent license awards on the same day the governor of New Hampshire launched a new effort to establish a high-end casino in her state. Gov. Maggie Hassan said New Hampshire, which still has not legalized casinos, needs a casino partly to stop Massachusetts from attracting gambling dollars from her state.

Aiming to jumpstart economic benefits to the state, Crosby said the commission is also planning to issue the lone license for a slots-only facility by September or October, ahead of its initial target of December.



Stephen Crosby, left, appears at a press conference in December of 2011 when Gov. Deval Patrick, right, appointed him as chairman of the state gaming commission.

Bizvayehu Tesfaye / Associated Press file

"Everybody wants us to move faster," Crosby said after the commission's regular weekly meeting. "We want to move faster. We want the money to start rolling."

The simultaneous award of the two resort licenses, including one for the Boston area and one for Western Massachusetts, was included in a report the commission issued on Thursday. The report spells out the commission's decisions on 53 policy questions that have hovered over the licensing process.

Under a law approved in November 2011, the commission will award three casino resort licenses, one in each of three regions of the state.

Four big casino companies – the Mohegan Sun in Palmer, Hard Rock International in West Springfield and MGM Resorts and Penn National, both in Springfield – are vying for the Western Massachusetts resort license.

In the Boston area, Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard, Conn. is teaming up with developer David Nunes for a planned casino off Interstate 495 in Milford. Nunes and Foxwoods will compete against the Suffolk Downs race track in Boston, whose partner is Caesars Entertainment, and Wynn Resorts, which is proposing a casino in Everett.

In the southeast region, the state law gives preference to the Wampanoag Tribe of Mashpee, which is attempting to win federal approval for a casino in Taunton.

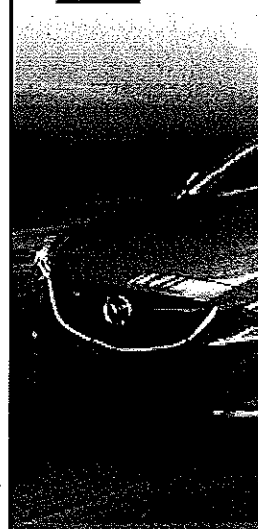
Two other casino applicants in Massachusetts - affiliates of Rush Street Gaming in Chicago and the Cordish Co. of Baltimore - have not said whether they will apply for a slots-only license or a resort license or where they would build in the state. The Cordish Co. may be eyeing a slots facility for Danvers north of Boston.

Since it is attempting to move more quickly on the slots license, the commission is giving both companies until Tuesday to declare the type of license they will seek in Massachusetts, or explain in writing the reasons they don't want to commit to a certain license application by that date, Crosby said.

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2 Lawyers for the affiliate of Rush Street wrote a letter to the commission, saying the company is still trying to determine where the company could best compete for a license in Massachusetts, Crosby said.

In New Hampshire, the governor included \$80 million in gambling licensing fees in her two-year budget to pressure legislators to act.

"The question is: Will we allow Massachusetts to take revenue from New Hampshire's residents to fund its needs, or will we develop our own plan that will allow us to address social costs and invest in our priorities?" the governor said in her budget address.

Crosby said New Hampshire is a "legitimate competitor" for Massachusetts. But Crosby said any New Hampshire casino would compete with \$1 billion casino resorts in Massachusetts, each with all kinds of amenities and enhancements.

"We're aware of it," Crosby said. "We're certainly not threatened by it. We welcome them to the mix. There's plenty of room and we're going to have the best ones."

Under the commission's timetable, casino resorts would open in Massachusetts probably in early 2016, considering two years for construction.

A slots-only facility might open next year if the license is awarded in September. Plainridge Racecourse in Plainville and the owners of the old Raynham dog track have each applied for the license to have 1,250 slot machines only.

"In the long run, the issue is not first to market," Crosby said. "In the long run, the issue is convenience to the consumer and the quality of the product. We are going out of our way to make sure we have quality and convenience second to none."

Crosby also said he supported a decision by Gov. Deval L. Patrick to include \$85 million in casino licensing fees to help balance his version of the state's estimated \$34 billion budget for the 2014 fiscal year, which starts July 1.

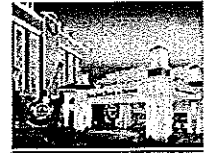
The commission might contribute additional license fees to the fiscal 2014 budget, he said.

The commission will issue at least two resort licenses at \$85 million apiece and the slots license for \$25 million, he said. The commission also needs to dip into those license fees to pay back the state \$20 million taken from the rainy day fund for startup costs for the agency, Crosby said.

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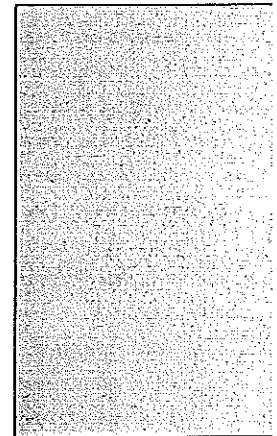
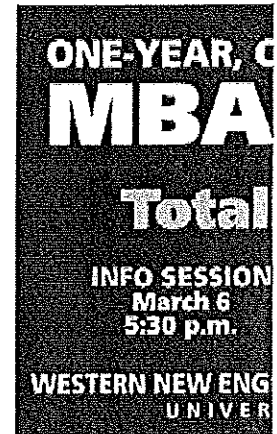
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